



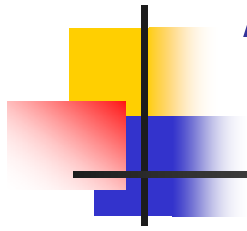
"Building Success Stories"



# Athens State University Overview

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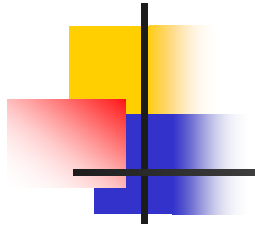
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## Athens State University Background

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- Oldest and youngest state university
- Lowest tuition
- Strictly academics (no sports programs)
- Unique mission (only senior level institution)
- Member of ACS





## Athens State University Background

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- Created by Alabama Legislature in 1975 to serve graduates of state junior, community and technical colleges
- Senior level institution—junior & senior years only
- Operates under the control of the Alabama State Board of Education through Chancellor of Post Secondary Education



# Athens State University

## Demographics/Facts

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- Enrollment: 2800
- Male: 30.5%      Female: 69.5%
- Typical Profile: 31 years of age, married, full-time job
- 97.4% commute
- 71% take at least one DE course
- 50% of credit hours thru DE



# Athens State University Programs

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- 31 Degree Programs in 3 Colleges

Art

Behavioral Science

Biology

Chemistry

Computer Science

Computer Information Systems

Computer Networking



# Athens State University Programs

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English

General Science

Health Science

Health & Wellness Management

History

Justice Studies

Liberal Studies





# Athens State University Programs

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Mathematics  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Safety  
Religion  
Social Science  
Sociology



# Athens State University Programs

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Accounting

Management

Human Resources

Management of Technology

Career Technical Education

Early Childhood Education

Elementary Education



# Athens State University Programs

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Physical Education

Health

Special Education



# Athens State University Initiatives

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- Charged by Chancellor to fulfill ASU mission of servicing all post-secondary schools and their students
- Follow tenets of ACHE constructed State Plan for Alabama Higher Education 2003-04 to 2008-09
- Efforts focused a specific goals



# Athens State University

## ACHE Goals

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- Goal 1 – Access
- Outreach to Community Colleges through partnerships (2+2)
- Developed 7 100% On-line Programs with others in the “works” (for un-served and under-served areas)
- Created Articulation agreements with 2 Technical colleges to grant academic credit to graduates (1 additional in progress)



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## ACHE Goals

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- Goal 2 – Cooperation
- Created advisory groups composed of business and educational leaders
- Created Professional Development Schools for on-site training of education majors
- Initiated “Block” scheduling to allow for making teacher education courses available in un-served areas of state.



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## ACHE Goals

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- Goal 3 – Quality
- Extensive use of technology to enhance classroom learning (all classes augmented with Blackboard)
- Implemented instructional training episodes technology based instruction
- Created policies and procedures to collect, analyze and report student outcomes assessment



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## ACHE Goals

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- Goal 4 – Resources
- Use of technology as a “workforce multiplier”
- Collaboration with K-12 faculty and administrators (PDS and field experience) to share intellectual resources
- Share facilities with ACS colleges for instruction (senior college level studies)





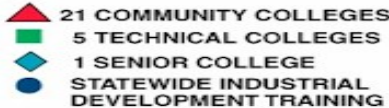
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## ACHE Goals

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- Goal 5 – Workforce Development
- Surveyed local government and businesses to ascertain types of training needed
- Working with local companies to identify specific training needs
- Working with local consultant to develop adult and continuation programs to support training requirements

A geological cross-section diagram showing three distinct rock layers. The top layer is labeled "LAUDERDALE". Below it is a layer labeled "LIMESTONE", which contains a blue upward-pointing arrow indicating a specific feature or measurement. The bottom layer is labeled "MADISON". The layers are separated by wavy lines representing geological boundaries.



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## Initiatives

### Distance Education

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- ASU adapted Distance Education as a delivery method to provide access to Alabamians in un-served/under-served areas
- GOAL: To provide courses via INTERNET, teleconference, and Blended formats to students in order that graduates from 2-year institutions can obtain baccalaureate degrees without leaving their home counties.

# Athens State University

## Initiatives

### DE Concept

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- Full range of programs
  - Multi degree options
- Various uses of distance technologies with dedicated and shared classroom facilities
  - DE facilities, computer labs
- Seamless transition from associates degree to bachelors degree (2 + 2)
  - Community College to ASU

# Athens State University

## Initiatives

### DE Concept

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- Business Degrees-- , Management, MOT, Accounting, Human Resources
- Arts & Sciences--Public Safety & Health Administration, Liberal Studies (individualized degree programs), Religion, CI/CIS
- Education--Elementary and Early Childhood (in development)

# Athens State University

## Initiatives

### DE Concept



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- Use Blackboard® as DE Platform
  - TEGRITY, Lock Down, Groopz as a tool
- Future: on-site presence at selected sites
  - **ASU office with full-time /part-time staffing (shared)**
  - **Visible signs and full range of support services**
    - Advising, Counseling, testing center



# Athens State University

## Initiatives

### DE Concept

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#### ■ Benefits

- Increased opportunity for students
- Better collaboration and participation among member schools
- Enhanced image within the state
- Exploit technology



# Athens State University

## Conclusion

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- Striving to be a good partner for Alabama College Systems Institutions
- Distance Education Concept is integral to ASU future
  - Competition from others (out of state)
  - Workable concept (not new)
  - Requires a paradigm shift
  - Primarily for Alabamians